

RECLAMATION

Managing Water in the West

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Lauro Dam Area Resident:

The Bureau of Reclamation is modifying Lauro Dam, located in the foothills north of the city of Santa Barbara, to reduce the long-term risks due to earthquakes. Under Safety of Dams guidelines, Reclamation started construction of this modification in December 2005. To the greatest extent practical, Reclamation has incorporated features into the modification designed to minimize impacts to our neighbors.

This letter is the fourth in a series to help keep Lauro Dam-area residents informed and is intended to give a “heads up” of upcoming modification activities.

At this point, most of the required excavation has been completed. As the next step, significant quantities of both sand and gravel are needed to create filter and drain layers that will enable the dam to withstand the effects of an earthquake without failure.

Beginning in early or mid-May, the contractor, A.J. Diani Construction Co., will begin hauling imported sand and gravel to Lauro Dam. We estimate that an average of 30 truck trips daily will deliver materials to Lauro Dam. All truck trips are limited to hauling on city and county roads between the hours of 8 a.m. and 4 p.m., Monday through Friday as described in the following paragraph. Hauling is not allowed on weekends and holidays. We anticipate that material hauling will be completed by the end of July 2006.

Most trucks that will be used for hauling are semi-trucks with tandem trailers. Materials will be hauled from two separate sources: Santa Maria (by Union Asphalt Inc.) and Buellton (by Granite Construction Co.). All truck trips are limited to hauling via State Route 154 to Foothill Road, Foothill Road to San Roque Road, and then San Roque Road to Lauro Dam. All trucks hauling on U.S. Hwy 101 will also access the site via State Route 154 to Foothill Road, Foothill Road to San Roque Road, and then San Roque Road to Lauro Dam.

Additional information is available on our website at www.usbr.gov/mp/sod. We are also providing updated information on Reclamation’s Grapevine that can be accessed by calling 1-800-742-9474, and pressing “29” for the Lauro Safety of Dams Project. You can also contact us directly by calling Mr. David Jones at 916-978-5108, or by email at dajones@mp.usbr.gov.



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